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TI213 Political Geography

Weight: 5 ECTS

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Time allowed: 3 hours

Answer four questions

1. Trace the development of Political Geography as an independent branch of learning.
2. Illustrate the usefulness of the systems approach to the understanding of political geography concepts.
3. 'The state is a capitalist unit'. Discuss.
4. Discuss the role of boundaries as lines of contact and as lines of division.
5. What is understood by the term geopolitics?
6. 'States come and go, but nations persist'. Consider this statement, with reference to a region of your choice.
7. It has been suggested that 'the local state is merely an agent of central government; as such it has little influence upon local environments'. Examine this proposal, using relevant examples.
8. Discuss the contention that the political geography of plural societies raises complex issues of participation and negotiation.